

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. A certified copy of the priority document is being filed.

New method claims 18 to 22 have been added. Support for these new method claims may be found in original method claim 10 and pages 12 to 15 of the specification.

The objections to claims 10 and 11 have been overcome by placing colons in those claims in appropriate positions.

The rejection of claims 9, 10, and 16 as being indefinite has been overcome by amendment.

Claims 1 through 17 have been rejected as being anticipated (i.e., lack of novelty) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,978,648 (George).

George discloses an educational system and process for an interactive multi-media performance assessment tool for use with an interactive audio visual system to assist in preparing multi-media presentations which are demonstrative of classroom learning. George discloses an educational tool adapted to create learning content, which is only one component of the present invention. Further, George is specific to classroom presentations and is not applicable to "on the job learning" which is supported by the present invention.

The invention disclosed in this application relates to a skill competence development tool that comprises at least three main processes: (i) validation and mapping existing student competence; (ii) educational processes and subject matter for educational studies for the student, (iii) certification of the student of fulfillment of requirements for

the studies. George does not disclose two (i.e., i and iii) of these three main processes.

The new claims are directed to the group of the three main processes. Moreover, the original claims of this application are directed to various aspects of these main processes.

With respect to the individual claims, George does not disclose:

Claim 1 - George does not disclose: separate different devices; a first memory having all course sections of different courses and an ideal time for each course section; a second memory operable to store all studied material affiliated with said course section; a third memory device to store individual-adapted course plans; a control device that calculates and indicates a planned completion date for each individual course plan with the aid of said ideal time for different course sections and the time spent by said individual on different course sections, or a fourth memory to store the course plans and course sections that have been completed with respect to each individual.

Claim 4 – George does not disclose: two server devices supporting the memory devices.

Claim 10 – George does not disclose the steps of: choosing from a first memory device storing all course sections for different courses and an ideal time for each course section, course sections that form an individual-adapted course plan, and storing said plan in a third memory device included in the control system; downloading study material affiliated with said chosen course sections from a second memory device; calculating a planned completion date for said course plan with the aid of said ideal time for different course sections and also with the aid of the time spent by said individual on different course sections; and when one or more course sections or the course plan is completed,

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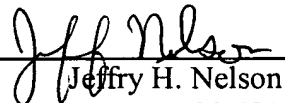
storing said one or more course sections or course plan in a fourth memory device included in the control system.

All claims are in good condition for allowance. Prompt reconsideration and allowance are requested. The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if any matter remains outstanding before the allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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